St. John the Apostle

Feast Day, December 27

The Patron Saint of Love, Loyalty, Friendships and Authors

St. John the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He is considered the same person as John the Evangelist,
John of Patmos and the Beloved Disciple. St. John is believed to be the longest living apostle and the only not to die a
martyr's death.

John, along with Peter and James, were the only witnesses of the raising of Daughter of Jairus and the closest witnesses to the Agony in Gethsemane.

John and Peter were the only two apostles sent by Jesus to prepare for the final Passover meal, the Last Supper. During the meal, St. John sat next to Jesus, leaning on him rather than lying along the couches.

St. John was the only one of the Twelve Apostles who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. He stood
faithfully at the cross when the Savior made him the guardian of His Mother.

After the Assumption of Mary, John went to Ephesus, according to Church tradition. Later, in the 1st century, Roman authorities banished John to the Greek Island of Patmos
after he was plunged into boiling oil in Rome and suffered no injuries.

John is known as the author of the Gospel of John, the three Epistles of John and the Book of Revelation.

St. John is called the Apostle of Charity, a virtue he learned from his Divine Master and constantly inculcated by word and example. The "beloved disciple" died in Ephesus after AD 98.

"DISCIPLE WHOM JESUS LOVED"

Author of:

- Gospel of John
- The 3 Epistles of John Book of Revelation

St. John is often depicted as the author of the Gospel with an eagle, symbolizing "the height he rose to in his Gospel." In other icons, John is shown looking up into heaven and dictating his Gospel to his disciple.

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